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HOUSE BILL 853

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS; CREATING A READING MATERIALS FUND TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH-BASED READING MATERIALS FOR CERTAIN READING PROGRAMS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Instructional Material Law is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] READING MATERIALS FUND--CREATED--PURPOSE--APPLICATIONS.--

A. The "reading materials fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of appropriations, gifts, grants and donations. Money in the fund shall not revert to any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The fund shall be administered by the department and money in the fund is

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1 appropriated to the department to assist public schools that
2 want to change their reading programs from the current
3 adoption.

4 B. A school district that wants to use a scientific
5 research-based core comprehensive, intervention or
6 supplementary reading program may apply to the department for
7 money from the reading materials fund to purchase the necessary
8 instructional materials for the selected program."

9 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars
10 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
11 reading materials fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2005 and
12 subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the fund.
13 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
14 a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

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